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Decidedly the finest building in this town—and one which should be regarded with pride—is the new edifice of Messrs. HUMPHREYS & HOOVER, now rapidly approaching completion. Located in the most desirable part of the town, adjoining the Court House square, and immediately opposite the Carter House, it is an ornament to that section of our once beautiful, but now devastated village, and serves in some measure to relieve the desolate appearance of our hitherto imposing Temple of Justice. With an enterprise creditable to them, and an energy that deserves commendation, the firm has pushed this building to completion, and now with their extensive stock of hardware, occupy one of the large rooms of the first floor. The building, which is a two-story brick, has a front of 44 feet, and a depth of 62 feet. The lower floor is divided into two store-rooms, each 21 1/2 by 60 feet, with a height of 15 feet from floor to ceiling. Both are well lighted from the elegant glass fronts, and have an aspect of comfort and commodiousness unsurpassed by any rooms in the Valley of Virginia. In the centre of the building is a stair-way, with front entrance, leading to the second story, at the top of which is a spacious landing—From this landing there is an entrance to one of the largest and most complete rooms for a public hall that our town has ever been able to boast of. This room is immediately over the hardware store, and is 21 1/2 feet wide by 60 feet deep, with a height of ceiling of 14 feet. We understand that it is the purpose of the proprietors to fit up this hall in good style, so that hereafter, when our people need the use of a room for any public purpose, they will have one that will meet every want, so far as comfort and capacity are concerned. Since the war, the want of such a hall has been sadly experienced. That portion of the building to the left of the landing, is divided into three rooms—the largest, an excellent room for any business purpose—21 1/2 feet wide and 37 feet long. The other two are smaller, but sufficiently large to make most excellent and comfortable offices, and will no doubt rent readily for that purpose.

In this connection, it is but just that we should award the need of praise so eminently due and universally tendered, to the artisans engaged in the erection of this structure. The brick work was executed by those experienced contractors, the Messrs. Armentrout, of Page county. The enterprising firm of Messrs. McKnight & McElroy, of this town, engaged to furnish all the material and execute or have executed, all the wood work necessary to its construction. By indomitable perseverance, and the aid of their steam factory, their contract was faithfully performed. To Messrs. Small & Heck, skilful and experienced mechanics of our town, was entrusted the erection of the building according to the design of the draft, and the good taste and skill neatness and substantiality of workmanship displayed, will remain as long as the structure itself, a monument of which they may be proud. The inside work of the store-room was executed by Messrs. D. H. Cockrell & Son, and is unique in style, complete in finish and beautiful in appearance. The plastering by Messrs. McIntyre & Co., of Middleway, and the painting by Mr. Kimes of this town. The roof is of tin, massive, guster gables, and the workmanship of that justly popular firm, Messrs. Miller & Smith.

FIRE.—On Tuesday night, the 20th ult., the barn of Mr. L. F. CURRIE, in the Zoar neighborhood, this county, was destroyed by fire, with all its contents—consisting of seven hundred bushels of wheat, six valuable horses and one colt, wheat reaper, drill, wind mill, and an extensive lot of hay, fodder and other provender stored for the winter feeding of his stock. We have heard Mr. C.'s loss estimated at \$9,000, and if the destruction is as complete as represented, it must exceed that sum in real value—to say nothing of the deprivation of his live stock in mid-winter, and the serious inconvenience resulting from the burning of the fine team of horses. The friends of Mr. Currie will deeply sympathize with him in this loss, which comes at a period of such financial stringency. How the fire originated is only a matter of conjecture, as occurring in the night, nothing certain is known of its origin.

We have also a rumor, that Mr. Robt. J. Helm, sustained quite a loss last week, by the burning of several racks of straw, on the farm occupied by him near Lextown. Scarcely as the winter, and generally scarce as is feed for cattle, it is to be regretted that the provident farmer should be subjected to such losses at this period.

SEVERELY INJURED.—We regret to notice an accident of a serious nature to Mr. BENJ. T. TIMBERLAKE, which occurred near his home on the Opegon Creek, on the day before Christmas. He had been to Martinsburg with a spring wagon and had reached his own place on his return, when feeling very cold, he got down to walk beside the wagon. The ground being quite slippery, he missed his footing and slid under the front wheel of the wagon, which passed over him, breaking two of his ribs and inflicting other injuries. We hope, however, that his injuries may not prove as serious as was at first apprehended.

Our Schools were all re-opened on yesterday, both teacher and pupil, we hope, rejuvenated by the Christmas recess. Our Academy, we are gratified to state, is in a most flourishing condition, and with the excellent school of our young friend Mr. Mouton, for lads, we hope the winter may be profitably spent by our youth. Go to school boys, punctually—study hard, for we assured that is your rock of defence now.

A GOOD CHANCE.—See advertisement of Mr. Richard H. Brown, who who wish to be in readiness for the next sleighing season.—The article advertised, is really something nice in its way.

ACCIDENT.—We are pained to state that Captain JOHN W. ROWAN met with serious injuries by a fall from the sled of Saturday morning. As he was leaving the residence of a near neighbor, his feet were thrown from under him, and being weak and feeble, was unable to recover until he fell with all his weight on a stone at the base of the steps. His left side and hip is considerably bruised and wrenched, and the arm badly broken at the wrist. A similar misfortune befell the Captain the last winter, and as the preceding summer he had his hand mashed by the falling of a large stone, so as to disable him from work during the whole season, he may truly be said to have been fated to a chapter of accidents. The community at large sympathize, most deeply sympathize with him in this last misfortune, but this we are reluctant to say, is not adequate to his present wants. Prostrate and disabled at this period of the year, with many pressing necessities, substantial regard is needed on the part of his friends, and we know that in former days their name was legion. This bare intimation of what the urgency of the case demands, we hope may be sufficient.

LEGION OF TEMPERANCE.—At the last regular meeting of Eureka Cohort, No. 1, L. O. T., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—A. F. Hall, W. C.; Samuel Myers, W. V. C.; Chas. G. Johnson, W. A.; E. J. Williams, S.; John M. Beller, F. S.; W. H. Moore, Jr., T.; J. M. Martin, W.; Geo. W. Haines, G.; Geo. M. Spotts, M.; John W. Wright, U.; James Garney, G.; Adam Bowman, S.

F. O. T. — Jefferson Council, No. 3, Friends of Temperance, have elected the following officers for the ensuing term:—Albert Miller, P.; W. K. Kearsley, A.; D. Howell, Jr., S.; Chas. G. Johnson, E. S.; John M. Howell, T.; Geo. W. Spotts, C.; John W. Rohr, A.; Wm. M. Spotts, I. S.; Wm. L. Young, O. S.

SUPERVISORS' COURT.—The Board of Supervisors met in Shepherdstown on the 28th ult., present, James Logie, President, R. N. Duke, J. D. Staley, G. H. Turner and J. T. Reed.

The following bills were allowed:—B. F. Slater, \$3 election expenses; R. N. Duke, \$18.20 for election expenses of Jolivar township; W. G. Grant, \$17 for stove; A. A. Cook, \$3 for stove pipe, &c.; G. W. Lynch, \$9.12 for stone; Jacob Ferrell, \$1.75 for work at Court-house; Charles Davies, \$10 for attorney fees; G. M. Belthover, \$50 for counsel fees in mandamus cases; E. T. Chipping, \$120 for jury orders; T. W. Potterfield, \$5 criminal cost; G. W. Chase, for examining assessor's books; Samuel Barnhart, \$150 for Jailor's house.

Ordered, that Amos Shepherd be paid \$10 out of the road fund of Charlestown township.

Ordered, that 9 1/2 acres of land be deducted from the assessment of S. Howell Brown, and it is further ordered that it be added to the assessment of Wm. Buckler.

W. C. Butler, moved that the Jailor's house be received from S. Barnhart, the contractor, which was adopted.

J. D. Staley and H. C. Entler, were ordered to have snow plough put upon the jail.

Ordered, that Wm. McSherry receive \$25 out of the road fund of Harper's Ferry township.

Ordered, that J. W. Neer receive \$50 out of the road fund of Harper's Ferry township. On motion the Board adjourned.

MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—It will be seen by the following Act recently passed by the Legislature, that the new Board of Supervisors are required to meet on to-day for the purpose of organization:—

"Chapter 128. An Act regulating the meetings of the Boards of Supervisors. Passed December 22, 1868. Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia, That the Board of Supervisors of the several counties of this State shall meet at least four times in each year, at the court house of each county, and may hold special and adjourned meetings. Their stated meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday in January, the third Monday in May, the first Wednesday in August, and the fifth day after the annual State election in each year. A special or adjourned meeting may be held, if necessary, at another place in their county.

2. Every meeting shall commence at ten o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as possible, unless a different hour be prescribed by an ordinance or order of the board.

3. The said boards elected at the last State election shall, at their stated meeting on this first Tuesday in January next, organize their respective boards by the appointment of a President and Clerk.

POSTPONEMENT.—We are requested to announce that the Tableau exhibitions proposed to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last, were unavoidably postponed in consequence of the fall of Messrs. Humphreys & Hoover not being finished. They will be held some time during this month, of which due notice will be given.

SAD ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that about a fortnight ago, a little daughter of Mr. Morris Cavanaugh, living near Duffield's Depot, in this county, was burned so badly as to result in death in a few hours. It seems that her mother had stepped out of the house to attend to something outside, leaving a fire on the hearth, and when she returned found the little girl almost burned to a crisp. She lingered in agony for about two days, when death ended her sufferings.

LIBERALLY PATRONIZED.—Both of the colored Churches of this town gave dinners, suppers, &c., during the holidays, by which quite a large additional sum was added to the fund needed for the completion of their respective edifices. They are both now ready for occupancy.

ARRESTED.—On Monday night last, Capt. Moxley received a telegram from Harper's Ferry, stating that a mulatto calling himself William Thompson, guilty of the larceny of \$100 from John H. Washington, Esq., had left there on the 9.20 train. On the arrival of the train here Thompson was duly looked up and nabbed by the Captain and conveyed to the lockup, where he now is awaiting transfer to the Jefferson authorities.

BELGIERENT.—The free citizens of African descent, had a general and free fight among themselves, during the Christmas holidays, in Shepherdstown. The ring leaders were arrested and fined accordingly. Cause, more whiskey than brains.

IMPOSING.—By far the most *recherché* affair of the season, came off at the colored Baptist Church of this town on Thursday last. It was the nuptial ceremonies of some loving twain, who long had loved, "if not too wisely," being united together by the silken chord of matrimony. More than a hundred were in attendance to witness the imposing ceremonies, the damsels, like "sister Dinah," in most "gorgeous array." We only learned the name of one of the happy pair, and as that was Blue, we presume the other was Black. We learn that the utmost decorum was observed, and all things passed off "merrily as a marriage bell."

SAD ACCIDENT.—We learn that Clayton Spangler, son of Mr. John Spangler of this County, aged about 16 years, was crushed so severely, at Kearneysville, on Wednesday night last, on the B. & O. Railroad, by a train passing over his body, as to cause his death in about three hours after the accident occurred. It appears that he was standing upon the track and did not observe the approaching train until too late to make his escape.

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